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SUB: ELECTORAL BOARD RESUMES OPERATIONS

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1. CENTRAL ELECTORAL BOARD (JCE) RESUMED OPERATION AT APPROXIMATELY 10 AM THIS MORNING IN CONFORMITY WITH OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT TO THAT EFFECT AND PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S ASSURANCES TO SECRETARY VANCE (REFS). EMBOFF CALLED JCE AND WAS PUT THROUGH IN NORMAL FASHION TO JCE CHAIRMAN MANUEL JOAQUIN CASTILLO WHO SAID BOARD IS BEGINNING TO FUNCTION NORMALLY ONCE AGAIN.

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2. ACCORDING TO CASTILLO ALL BALLOT COUNTING IN COUNTRY'S 5500 POLLING PLACES (MESAS) HAD BEEN COMPLETED EVENING OF ELECTIONS (MAY 16) AND FORWARDED TO NEXT HIGHEST LEVEL, COUNTRY'S 86 MUNICIPAL ELECTORAL BOARDS WHERE VOTE COUNT, BASED ON CERTIFIED REPORTS FROM MESAS, IS NOW TAKING PLACE. CENTRAL JCE OFFICE HAS TO DATE RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO CERTIFIED REPORTS FROM

MUNICIPAL BOARDS, BUT CASTILLO SAYS JCE INSPECTORS WILL BE SENT OUT TO COLLECT THESE REPORTS WHICH ARE BASIS OF JCE'S FINAL TALLY.

3. CONCERNING RELEASE OF RESULTS, CASTILLO SAYS AT THIS POINT NO TELEVISED OR RADIO RELEASE OF PARTIAL RESULTS, AS OCCURRED EVENING OF MAY 16 IS POSSIBLE. HE SAID JCE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO ANNOUNCE FINAL RESULTS "IN SEVERAL DAYS."

4. EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR IS NOW AT JCE. REHKRT WILL FOLLOW. YOST

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